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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the pulse polio was started and it has been implemented successfully, the other immunization cover kid diseases has significantly fallen down;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to cover the other child disease as well?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a): There has been significant decline in number of reported cases of vaccine preventable diseases over a period of time. The cases of Diphtheria have declined by 79% from 12,952 in 1987 to 2,662 in 1999. Similarly cases of measles have declined by 84% from 2,47,519 in 1987 to 29,135 in 1999.+

+ Data compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): A National Immunization Programme covering six vaccine preventable diseases viz. Diphtheria, Pertusis, Neonatal Tentanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles and childhood Tuberculosis is already being implemented throughout the country. In order to improve the quality and also to expand the Outreach of the routine immunization programme Government has recently launched with World Bank aid, a major program for strengthening routine Immunization with particular focus on States and districts where improvement is necessary. The Government has also approved introduction of Hepatitis `B` vaccination on a pilot basis in selected cities and districts of the country.